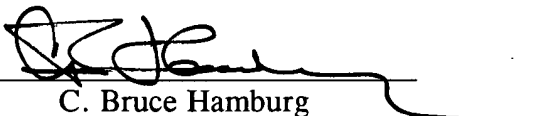


**REMARKS**

A further Preliminary Amendment will be filed in which only apparatus claims are presented. All the claims except claim 1 have been cancelled by the present Preliminary Amendment as a mere formal, non-substantive matter in order to avoid paying extra fees for claims which are no longer of interest.

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